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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

There is an investigation underway in Washington, D. C. to determine if charges are true that 120,000 young men have been deferred for military service under the assumption that they could not be replaced in their present vocations. Until this investigation is completed the country wont know whether the charge is true or not.

But if it should prove true, it is fair to say, that public sentiment will demand that these young men go into their country's uniforms before young married men with children. We often think of Washington, the Capitol, as peopled with men whose estimate of their own importance is higher than the rating the plain people of this country would be willing to accord them. In fact we think there is very little office work that a smart girl can' do just as well as a chap in long pants.

If some of these young fellows who have been deferred by pleas of their easy going bosses, would make a survey of their "necessary" functions, it might easily prove that they had overestimated their value. It would be far more dignified for them to make this discovery themselves than to be yanked out of their jobs by Selective Service Boards whose patience has worn thin. Selective Service Boards are going over their registrants lists with a fine tooth comb for men to induct in the armed forces, before they begin to send married men with children into training camps. In fact, this is the explicit policy of the selective service system.

This process of fine combing has been going on for nearly a year. To attain the minimum of eleven million men in the armed forces, that has now been fixed as a goal, married men will have to be called out when they are not in war industries, or in war supporting industries, such as agriculture, communications, and utility services.

As the time for sending fathers of children into the armed services grows closer, now thought to be about July 1st, another national trend is beginning to appear. That is the "work or fight" temper that the American people now manifest. In the big cities, especially in those benefiting hugely from war industries, absentees become more and more a factor in production of war materials and equipment. The men who earn any where from $8 to $20 a day, often have been deferred on the plea their services are vital to the war machine. These are often the same men who go out on spending sprees and pour out their earnings on a prolonged debauch. The police blotters throughout the country are filled with names of such earners and spenders. We shall presently find that a method of dealing with these absentees has been devised. They will ultimately work of fight. It is one thing for a worker to stay away from his job on account of sickness, and quite another when he is incapaciated on account of drink.

Union rules that provide for "make work" jobs, we believe will also be given a thorough overhalling, not by unions, but by leglatures. As one commentator puts it:

"With the stark truth that dependency can no longer be accepted as an adequate reason for deferment, we can also understand why legislative tempers are growing short. If we must see men taken out of our community, to fight, whose families will suffer severe hardships as a result, then, certainly, we cannot tolerate conditions under which other men, because of union rules and make-work restrictions, are required to do less than they should for the war effort. If we must "work or fight," then in all fairness, let's make it apply uniformly— to all of us."

LEAD, ZINC AND SILVER FOUND ON WOLF CREEK

Luke Williams of Grass Valley, who owns the mineral rights beneath 720 acres of land on the southern border of Nevada County along Wolf Creek, reports that Thomas E. Farley of Hollywood and George E. Hook of Auburn have made an important discovery of lead,zinc, silver ore on his holding.

Williams states that tests made of the ore reveal vaues of 10 per cent lead, 8 per cent zinc, six ounesc of silver and 60 cents in gold per ton. The discovery was made last November and since then prospecting and geological work has been under way.

Some difficulty, Williams says, is being encountered in gaining access to mineralized area of the tract. The owner of the land surfaces is James Walsh of Auburn who has leased much of it to a cattle raiser. Negotiations for a road through the property, according to Williams, are now proceeding.

BEYER BROS. SELL 4600 ACRES TO U. S. FOR $77,500

Albert and Henry Beyer, according to a deed filed last week in the office of the county recorder, have sold 4,600 acres of range land in the Camp Beale area to the United States government for $77,500. The holdings was assessed at $20,105.

The two brothers are bachelors and began accumulating land along the western border of Nevada County over half a centry ago. They sold approximately 800 head of cattle when, through a suit in eminent domain, they found they had to part with their land.

WOMEN'S CLUBS TO AID HARVEST

The Women's Advisory Committee of the War Manpower Commission has called upon women's clubs throughout the country to mobilize their members for active service on the nation's farms this summer.

This mobilization, it was emphasized is not to meet an immediate need but for one foreseen in the summer. Applicants for agricultural work will be called as the needs arise in their respective localities.

In those communities where such labor is urgently needed, women's clubs are urged to poll their memberships for those willing to work on farms on a seasonal, vacation, or full time basis and to give this information to the county agricultural agent or the U. S. Employment Service.

Other activities suggested for women's organizations were to aid in mobilizing young people for farm work and provide necessary supervision of their living conditions; to assist local government officials in recruiting farm workers, and to acquaint women generally with the seriousness of the farm and food production problem through club educational programs.

Only Seven Miles of Narrow Gauge Left

Approximately seven miles of rails between Peardale and Colfax now remains to be salvaged, according to Norman Wolff, project engineer for Dulien Steel Products Inc., who is supervising the workof dismantling the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad.

The railroad from Colfax to Nevada City, was 22 miles long. It was built 67 years ago, and played a major role in the development of Nevada County.

EARTHQUAKE CRACKED HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Oden of North San Juan were Nevada City business visitors Saturday. They are kept quite busy on their ranch near North San Juan raisng poultry and garden. The The recent earthquake was quite severe at their home. The cement house in which they reside was cracked from one corner to the bottom of a wall.

NEW PRICES FOR MILK ARE NOW IN EFFECT

U. S. N. Johnson, well known milk distributor, has compiled a table of milk prices set by the OUA for the Nevada-Placer area, beginning April 1, It follows:

	Butter fat 3.5%	Butter fat 4.2%
Not less than		
Wholesale Prices—		
Gallons	47c	49c
Half gallons	23½c	24½c
Quarts	12¼c	12¾c
Retail Store—No delivery Price.		
Half gallons	26c	27c
Quarts	14c	14½c
Retail Stores Delivered Price		
Half gallons	28c	29c
Quarts	15c	15½c

SUPERVISORS CLOSE ROADS IN CAMP BEALE

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors have taken legal steps to close parts of two roads as they enter the Camp Beale area. The roads affected are the McCourtney road and the Indian Springs road via Spenceville which led to Wheatland. The roads have already been closed by military authorities but abandonment proceedings by the supervisor are necessary.

NOTED MINING ENGINEER IS BORNE TO REST

Joseph Pierce Keene, mining engineer passed away Thursday night at 11 o'clock in Grass Valley. He had been a resident of Orchard Glen, adjacent to Nevada City since 1928. He was 73 years old.

Keene was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and came to Portland, Oregon in 1891. He removed to Woodland and in 1907 where he married Miss Maybelle Howard. Surviving him are his wife and sons Howard Keene of Berkeley, and Richard Keene, radio operator for the United Airlines.

As a mining engineer Keene ranged the world from Dutch Guinea and South America to Fairbanks, Alaska. He examined mining properties in British Columbia, along the River Amur in Siberia, explored the coast of Okhotsk Sea with a dog sledge where he was ice bound for several months. He was extensively employed in making mining examinations in this vicinity. He made reports on several gravel deposits on San Juan Ridge, You Bet, Gold Run, Forest Hill and Iowa Hill.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. in the chapel of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary in Grass Valley, with David Hartman of the Seventh Day Advent Church officiating.

High School Chorus Sings for Invaiid Soldiers

An invitation extended to the Nevada City High School Chorus to sing under the direction of Mrs. Carl Libbey, music and choral instructor, in the Camp Beale Hospital was accepted yesterday afternoon.

The chorus consists of 55 boys and girls. They were accompanied by the school's 10 majorettes of whom Miss Naomi Smithson is the leader. The program consists of Easter and secred songs, a couple of vocal solos, piano numbers and trumpet solo. Two members of the chorus did a Gay Nineties dance in costume. The majorettes performed their evolutions and acrobatics.

GRASS VALLEY POLICE MATRON

Mrs. Lois LeDuc, assistant city clerk, and clerical attache of the Grass Valley Police Department, has been appointed police matron in addition to her other duties. She will serve as matron and wear an appropriate badge of office when women are arrested, questioned or imprisoned.

MARETH LINE FALLS

NORTH AFRICA—General Dwight D. Eisenhower announced last Monday from allied headquarters here that Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel (shown in photo) has been forced to withdraw from the Mareth defense line in southern Tunisia. The British Eighth Army last Friday launched the attack on the enemy position south of El Hamma with the effective aid of American forces and caused heavy losses to the enemy of tanks, men and guns. Latest reports have the Yankee troops within 20 miles of Kairouan and 52 miles from the Mediterranean and Sousse. This photo of the Desert Fox is taken from a captured Nazi newsreel.

WM. DURBROW IS NEW SELECTIVE SERVICE MEMBER

William Durbrow, general manager of the Nevada Irrigation District, has been apointed a member of the Nevada County Selective Service Board to succeed Frank G. Finnegan, who resigned in December to begin training for an officer's commission in the United States army.

The appointment was made by Governor Earl Warren upon recommendation of Judge George L. Jones "As head of one of the largest irrigation systems in Northern California, Durbrow has a wider circle of friends among Nevada County farmers and a more intimate knowledge of their needs than any other man who could have been chosen to sit upon Selective Service Board," was the comment of James C. Tyrrell, chairman of the board.

Other members of the board, besides Tyrrell and Durbrow, are John J. Looser, H. M. Leete, and Dr. Walter J. Hawkins.

GEORGE WILSON, FARMER BORNE TO REST TODAY

Funeral services are being held this afternoon for the late George E. Wilson, whose death occured Friday night in the pay ward of the Nevada County Hospital. The services will be conducted in the chapel of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary in Grass Valley with Rev. Herschel Fravel of the Congregational Church officiating. Interment will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Lima Ohio, 77 years of age. He had lived in Grass Valley for the past 35 years. He followed farming, operating a ranch on the Colfax road, and became noted as an authority on crops grown in this county.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor R. Bristol of Grass Valle, Vernon E. Wilson in the United States Navy, and Raymond B. Wilson of Grass Valley.

BEST USE OF WAR TIME FOOD IS NOW VITAL

In the face of unavoidable limitations imposed by war, American families will find it necessary to make the most of every available ounce of food, the Office of War Information said today. To keep the nation at its best working form, better food habits must be developed and housewives must acquaint themselves with the principles of sound nutrition.

The OWI pointed out that if every citizen is to make the greatest possible contribution to the war, each will have to do more than satisfy his hunger. The factor nutrition specialists have called "hidden hunger" will become increasingly important during 1943, the OWI said.

Income is not always responsible for such nutritional deficiencies, the OWI pointed out. A survey made by the Bureau of Home Economics of the Department of Agriculture showed that as late as 1936 more than one third of the families in this country had diets that were in obvious need of improvement and only one-fourth had diets that could be classed as good.

This survey indicated that there was room for improvement in the eating habits of families at all income levels.

Increased national income indicates that during 1943 economic factors will play a less important part than formerly in shaping the eating habits many families. Family food budgets will be up, but the amount of food that can be bought will be considerably less than it was last year.

This will be particularly true of middle and upper income groups. In the past these groups have been the greatest consumers of the food which will be scarce during 1943. Since there will be relatively less variety in foods, as well as less quantity, these groups will have to exercise more care and planning in the selection and preparation of their foods.

To bring home to housewives in all income groups the fact that it is possible to provide adequate nutrition for the families under present conditions, a national nutrition program was launched by the office of defense health and welfare services.

This program was recently taken over by the nutrition and food conservation branch of the department of agriculture's food distribution administration. It will be carried by FDA to housewives all over the country through state and local nutrition committees, usually subcommittees of the local defense councils. Experienced nutritionists home economists and community leaders are participating in this program.

Two Pumper Trucks for State Forestry Crews

James Kistle and Everett Peterson were apprehended while fishing in the Cascade Ditch on Banner Mountain by Game Warden Earl Hiscox Thursday evening. They appeared Friday before Justice of the Peace George Gildersleeve, pleaded guilty and were fined $25 each.

"The two men had seven trout between them," said the game warden. "That makes the trout cost them $7 apiece, and — they didn't keep the trout."

Sheriff Tobiassen Able to Resume Duties

Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen has recovered sufficienty from a frature of his leg to be about upon crutches and spend a few hours each day in his office.

More than two months ago the sheriff sold a 500 pound hog he had raised on his farm. On the buyer taking delivery of the animal, it was shot preparatory to loading it in a truck. The dead pig started to roll down hill and the sheriff's leg was broken when he attmpeted to stop it.

Latest word is that Robert Paine, who joined the armed forces several months ago is still at an army training camp in Utah. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Paine of this city.

WAR FUND DRIVE OPENS APRIL 12

The world's greatest financial enterprise—Uncle Sam's Second War Fund drive, starts April 12 with a goal of $13,000,000,000 in War Bonds to be subscribed within the month.

In this country, as in every other country throughout the United States, patriotic citizens are organizing to carry Uncle Sam's appeal for drastic help to every man. woman and child in the land.

For this Second War Fund drive, the slogan is:

"They give their lives—you lend your money."

The spirit of that slogan is to be carried to the peopl efrom the Atlantic to the Pacific, with the understanding that the bonds they buy will provide the guns and ammunition, the planes and tanks sorely needed by American fighting men facing the enemy on far flung battlefronts around the world.

To successfully manage and carry on this gigantic financial undertaking, surpassing anything of its kind ever atempted by this country before, the Treasury Department's two bond selling organizations—The War Savings Staff and and Victory Fund Committee—have been merged into one organization, the War Finance Committee. In the Twelfth Federal Reserve district, embracing California and six other western states, William E. Day is chairman of that committee.

Appealing to his whole district, Day said:

"no loyal American can fail his government in this gigantic undertaking. Our boys on the battlefronts are sacrificing their lives to preserve the American way of life—to preserve the American way of life—to preserve our freedoms for us and for our posterity. All we at home are asked to do is to lend our money to Uncle Sam—to lend it at interest to buy the ammunition our service men need to crush the enemy.

"We look to every man, woman and child to do his share. They will call for sacrifice—for nothing but all out response to the nation's call. If we fail our boys will be left helpless at the front without the tools of war. I am confident that we shall not fail."

PONDEROSA PINE AT HOBART MILLS 680 YEARS OLD

Evidence that veterans of the forest may be found among pine trees as well as redwoods was found in the recent faling of a partially dead ponderosa pine on the Tahoe National Forest near Hobart Mills. This pine is calculated to be six hundred eighty ears old, reports District Ranger H. I. Snider of the Truckee District.

This old timer was not considered good for mill run lumber during the years when Hobart Mills was operating as it gave evidence of having a defective center and had a dead top. It had been struck by lightning twice and the rangers feared the next time a strike hit it, the dead portions would become ignited and a great deal of difficulty would be experienced in falling it in a burning condition. This assumption was vindicated during the falling process, which required the combined efforts of four men nearly a day. Seven wedges were needed to tilt the tree since it was so heavy and perfectly balanced that it resisted normal efforts in tree falling.

The tree was six feet in diameter and its age was calculated by counting the annual rings of growth. Six hundred thirty rings were visible and a rotten center was calculated to contain fifty more rings by comparison wih other trees growing in that locality. One of the limbs that was twenty six inches in diameter contained four hundred thirty five annual rings of growth, Snider stated.

This tree was an old timer—two hundred twenty nine years old when Columbus landed on America—and would probably have stood many years more if it had not been better to fall it now to remove the fire hazard and furnish Truckee ranger station with wood supply during the war.

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GOLD

In the hope of bringing hoarded wheat out of hiding our government is considering introducing gold coins into Algeria. The Arab farmer, who has the wheat, won't exchange it for paper money, of which he is properly suspicious after experience with French francs. He has not heard any economist say gold is no longer any good for money; he likes gold, in fact, dotes on it. For gold the farmer is expected to part with the wheat which is needed for feeding the civilian population of the country.

There may be other people in this world who do not believe gold is finished as basic money. When some other substance is found which beats gold in its peculiar qualities of attraciveness, usefulness, imperishability and limited supply, hence high value in small quantities, it may replace gold as a standard measure of value. Until then, gold, with a more stable value than other suitable substances, will continue to be the basic measure of value. Though we do not use the gold coins as money in circulation we still use them as our measure of value for all other commodities.

We can spare these Arab farmers some of our gold. We had in the treasury and buried at Fort Knox $22,736,704,552 worth in 1942, probably a little more now.—San Francisco Chronicle.

LETTERS FROM HOME

Army and Navy officers all agree that letters from home are more important in maintaining the morale of troops, whether they be in training here or in action overseas, than any other factor. Good entertainment helps as an offset to military drudgery, too; good food helps; leaves, in which the men in the armed sevices can escape for a time from military routine, are important. But anyone who has ever watched soldiers and sailors when the mail arrives knows that what the man in service wants most is to hear from the folks back home and to know what is going on in the world he left behind him.

If you haven't written to that boy in the service from your house during the last day or two, it's time to do it, no matter how busy you may be, or how other things may crowd for attention. And if he's where you can send him a package of home made food, or a carton of cigarettes, do that too. But most of all, keep the letters from home rolling!

CALIFORNIA LEADS AGAIN

The tremendous contribution which this state is making to the nation during the present period of emergency is silhouetted by the recent announcement that California, due to new war contracts totaling more than a billion dollars, has again moved into first place in the whole country in war production, with contracts and allocations aggregating $10,204,305,000. Michigan is in second place with New York ranking third.

When the production of war materials is coupled with our great production of farm products, in which we are running Texas a close race for national leadership, it is eloquently evident that we have a right to be proud of the job that California is doing for America. But much as we have done, we must do more; the need is great and the time is short. A few months from now, we hope not only that we will still have undisputed leadership in the war of production against the Axis, but that we will have broken all our own records both on the food front and in the shipyards and aircraft factories.

TOO MUCH 'LEG ART' HAS BAD EFFECT ON YOUTH

By LEONE BAXTER

The pictur eeditor isn't going to be like this.

Nor the Hollywood photographer of feminine beauty in all its likely, and unlikely, attitudes. Nor the lads of the Uptha Dumpha Beep fraternity, worshipping starry-eyed at the shrine of their luscious Jane Russell pin-ups.

But it seems to us one of the roots of juvenile and other delinquency is being blindly overlooked by authorities busily seeking out the seed of crime incentive.

It is too late to do anything about the seed, but the bursting bud and lush blossom of one such stimulus might be nipped by eliminiating for a time at least the smoldering, hot-eyed and altogether inviting pictures of young women throwing heir beautiful long limbs around over the billboards and picture pages of the public prints.

Any pretty young wench, fresh from her mother's knee, with a given amount of mascara and lipstick, together with the cooperation of a makeup expert and a photographer with half an eye for "leg art" can be made to look like the sultriest beckoning vampire.

If anybody maintains that intensely suggestive girl-pictures don't affect the thinking of high school adolescents, and don't aggravate interest along lines untaught by the athletic coach, then he might well get out and have another look at the billboards himself.

In times of peace and normal living, it is possible that more or less suggestive art can be taken in stride by the majority of people. In war time, with excitements aflafe, tensions high and morals correspondingly low, the same art may have an insidious and unwholesome effect on youth at least.

The hard-bitten picture editor noting this item, is fuming by this time, and observing to the make-up man, "That dope was written by a broadbeamed battle axe on the far side of 40 with a face and figure like a dray horse"—as indeed it usually is.

But he knows very well that his "art" is comparatively safe from sabotage by the morals squad, because it pleases more people than will ever be acknowledged by a public show of hands. The general populace morals notwithstinding, wants girl-pictures.

The decision, then, on just how suggestive art for public consumption may be without damage to the grammar school youngster's mind seems to be directly on the shoulders of the picture editor himself. And the responsiblitly, all things considered, is not light.

Two Fined for Fishing in Closed Season

Two pumper trucks have been received by the Nevada City headquarters of the State Division of Forestry, for use not only in area supervised by State Fire Waren William Sharp but in other localities should the need arise this summer.

The two trucks are equipped with the latest accessories for fighting fires and also with complete kits for taking care of injured fire fighters. Crews are now being instructed in methods of fire suppression and in first aid.

Miss Joyce Henwood, who is employed as a stenographer in the ship yards at Richmond, came up from Berkeley recently for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. C. Muscardinin. Her cousin, Miss June Curtis, is now employed at McClelland Field near Sacramento. Both girls are graduates of the local high school.

LEGAL NOTICES.

No. 4292
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of J. F. SIEMS, also called JOHANN F. SIEMS, and also called JOHANN FREDERICK SIEMS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Executrix of the estate of J. F. Siems, also called Johann F. Siems, and also called Johann Frederick Siems, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to file them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to present them, within said time, with the necessary vouchers, to the said Executrix, at the law offices of her attorneys, Messrs. Lowell and Lowell, Auburn, Placer County, Calfornia, the same being the place designated for the transaction of the business of said estate.

Dated: March 19th, 1943.

ALWINE S. WILCKENS,
Executrix of the estate of J. F. Siems also called Johann F. Siems, and also called Johann Frederick Siems. deceased.
LOWELL AND LOWELL, State Theatre Building, Auburn, California Attorneys for Executrix.
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NEVADA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE Is Hereby Given to the Electors of the Nevada City Unified School District of Nevada County, California, that the Annual Election for Members of the Board of Education of said district will be held at the Nevada City Elementary School in said District on the last Saturday in April, viz, April 24, 1943.

It will be necessary to elect 3 members.

The polls will be open between the hours of six o'clock A. M., and seven o'clock P. M.

The officers appointed to conduct the election in the above-named District are:

Mary Hoskins, Inspector.
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Clara Phillips, Judge.

(Signed) MILES D. COUGHLIN, Clerk, Board of Education, Nevada City Unfied School District, March 25, 1943.
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A Lecture on Christian Science

Entitled

Christian Science: The Way of Life

by

Peter B. Biggins, C. S. B.
of Seattle, Washington

Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts

Under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Grass Valley, a free lecture on Christian Science is being given this evening at 8 o'clock in the Montez Theatre, Grass Valley, by Peter B. Biggins, C. S. B., a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts.

INTRODUCTION

Friends, you are welcomed here this evening to a feast of Divine Love. It is indeed the Truth that makes man free. Christian Science came to me at a time of great distress. I was sick in body and mind. Mrs. Eddy states "Man's Extremity Is God's Opportunity.", and from the bottom of my heart I thank God for giving me spiritual understanding through Christian Science. We have with us this evening, one who will tell you more about this wonderful Truth. Mr. Biggins—

Mr. Biggins address follows:

In considering the true way to live, we are led to give attention to the true way to think The wise man, who was king in Jerusalem many centuries ago. said "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Attend to your thinking, for that determines your living But Jesus put it better and more practically when he said. speaking of the Christ, "I am come that they might have life. and that they might have it more abundantly." Our Master presented the true way of Life. the right way to live.

Above the entrance to a hall in a well-known American college are the words, "Live to learn." Over the doorway at a companion entrance to the same hall is the legend, "Learn to live." It is necessary first to learn the truth about Life. then to live the truth we are learning. What is the truth about Life? It is that life which reflects Life. God, is spiritual; for Life is Spirit, and that man is the image and likeness of Spirit. the true expression of Life. How can we live this truth, when we seem to be in the midst of so much that is material? Firstly, by seeing clearly what the ideal is; secondly, by cherishing it; and thirdly, by putting it into effect so far as we can at each stage of growth This can be done at once by everyone without interfering with any normal human activity or duty, but with great benefit in every way.

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, has written in her textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 548), "Earth has little light or joy for mortals before Life is spiritually learned." This statement, expressing the clear spiritual vision of its author, points to the seeming cause of humanity's difficulties. Underlying all the mistakes, the ills, and the woes of the human family is a wrong sense of life, the belief that life is material. Supporting all the right and worthy achievements of upward-striving men and women is the conviction that Life is Spirit. As you gain this more spiritual sense of existence through Christian Science, you experience a newly found light, a freshly discovered joy, a realization that all human problems can be solved by this means.

You have the right to declare and realize that you, in reality, now live in God, in Spirit, and that you are capable of enjoying the perfect health, happiness, and freedom which belong to you as the child of your Father-Mother God. As you declare these facts understandingly, you will enjoy the fruits in your experience in the measure of the persistence of your declaration and the clearness of your realization. While the material sense of things leads to inevitable disappointment, the spiritual sense will lead to the fulfillment of your highest legitimate hopes.

Jesus' Vital Teaching

In what sense did Jesus present the true way to live? Read his words, as contained in the New Testament, and you will find that they are very simple, yet profounder far than the depths of human philosophy. Love God and neighbor, forgiving without limit. Judge not unrighteously. Get rid of fear Be awake to evil in all its phases, and conquer it. Trust God's unerring guidance, utilized through effectual prayer. Heal yourself and others by spiritual means. Obey implicitly all the divine commandments. These simple precepts sum up in a few words much of the Master's essential teaching. Obedience thereto opens the way to harmonious and successful living.

We may note one remarkable fact about these precepts uttered by Christ Jesus. They all call for strong, direct, decisive action. There is no time wasted in idle theorizing or vague speculation. They do not rest on mere doctrine or dogma. They demand demonstration. They do not insist upon the profession of any creed, or the repetition of any formula. They do require possessing the Christ-spirit.

We read in John's Gospel that on one occasion two of John the Baptist's disciples saw Jesus and said to him, "Where dwellest thou?" The Master replied, "Come and see." The narrative continues, "They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day." It was something more than a material dwelling of which Jesus spoke. It was his mental state, his elevated spiritual understanding of Life, that constituted his true dwelling place. It was in that higher sense of Life that these newly found followers abode with him, profiting as far as they were then able from his inspired teaching In his conversations with his disciples he was continually presenting to them the spiritual idea of Life, shedding a clear light on the teachings of Scripture, and dispelling the mysteries which seemed to enshroud their sense of being..

The Master's invitation, "Come and see," called for action. It was as though he said: Be active in learning the practical truth of being; take the necessary steps in this direction. Use your God-given faculty of spiritual perception so that you may lay hold of the precious facts of being, which are even now within your reach; open your eyes to the beauty of holiness, and the perfection of spiritual being.

One day, as Jesus and his disciples were leaving the city of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus sat at the side of the highway begging. He called out, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." His appeal for mercy shows that he sensed his own need. He had doubtless heard of the healing wrought by the Master, and he must have seen, at least to some extent, that underlying that work was a marvelous compassion, a wonderful capacity to forgive wrongs, a boundless love for God and man; and so, conscious of his own great need, he c ed out for mercy. Many of those around rebuked him for making this insistent appeal, but Jesus, heeding his request, called him and healed him. The healing was instantaneous. "Immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

A literal reading of this passage might indicate that he followed Jesus along the highway. It is not too much to conclude however, that with this great blessing, the gaining of normal sight, he was awakened to see the way of life which Jesus' teaching opened up to him, and that he followed Jesus in this way.

Jesus' lifework has had a very definite effect on human thought. It has brought the most positive spiritual quality into fuller expression. It has influenced the speech and the literature of humanity In fact, human thought has never been quite the same since Jesus lived and worked on earth The new era which began with his appearing here was not merely new as indicated by the calendar of time. It was new in regard to the quality of thought and character it introduced. Before his coming, religion was largely a matter of outward form and ceremony. He required transformation of the heart.

The True Idea of Life

Christian Science is repeating the works wrought by Jesus and his disciples. To those who have seemed to lose their health, or to have suffered the loss or impairment of some faculty, Christian Science brings a comforting and assuring message. Health, holiness, wholeness is found in God, in Spirit, in divine Life, and these blessings are won and enjoyed by true thinkin,, by spiritual thinking, by the contemplation of the nature of God and His goodness, by the practical utilization of the divine law. This is not accomplished by a dreamy state of mind. It is the result of an active mental process, which invigorates all one's affairs. It brings new freedom, new enthusiasm, new joy. This harmonizing, energizing divine Principle of Christian Science revitalizes every legitimate human activity. It brings new life where stagnation has seemed to be.

Disease is a belief in death; it is a mortal belief. Therefore disease cannot even seem to exist where the true idea of Life holds sway. Jesus proved this, when, exemplifying the Christ, the true idea of Life, he healed all manner of disease.

The Psalmist showed that he had a working knowledge of the true law of Life, the divine law of Spirit, when he sang, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." Here he proclaimed a vital truth of being, and used it practically. Mrs. Eddy perceived the true import of such Bible truths, and throughout her writings she has made clear how to use them practically, how to affirm them and claim the benefits as our own.

Thus, on the same basis, you can consistently affirm: the true sense of health cannot fail, because health is a quality of God, and man enjoys by reflection God's perfect health; man's true supply is always abundant, and can never be lessened, because man reflects the affluence of the one infinite Soul, God; man's real work is continuous and can never be stopped, because man expresses the omniactivity of the one ever-operative divine Mind. These scientific affirmations—made with humility and understanding—and their results, illustrate the nature of effectual, scientific prayer.

Mrs. Eddy's Teaching

Christian Science teaches how we may lay hold of the blessings which are truly ours. As people saw the revitalizing nature of Mrs. Eddy's teaching, they began to seek instruction from her. A woman whom I know, having received treatment from a Christian Scientist, and having been helped by reading Science and Health, wanted to learn more about this teaching from the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science herself. She wrote to Mrs. Eddy for this purpose. She told her that she was quite satisfied with her own religion and happy in it; and she went on to say that if it was necessary for her to be "a miserable Christian" in order to be ready to take this instruction, then she was not ready. Mrs. Eddy replied characteristically, "Come and see." This woman accepted Mrs. Eddy's invitation and was taught by her. She came and saw a new life opening up before her.

As in the case of others who were blessed by having class teaching from Mrs. Eddy, this student gained a demonstrable understanding of God and man, a new sense of being as spiritual instead of material, a more abundant sense of life. She was enabled to understand the inspired teaching of Christ Jesus as never before She saw the erroneous nature of many beliefs which she had accepted as true With the correction of these mistaken beliefs she became more useful, and better able to help others. This teaching has preserved this woman's health. and enabled her to bring happiness to others.

As Mrs. Eddy proceeded with her work as the Discoverer Founder and Leader of Christian Science, her remarkable character and ability were clearly seen by other able people of her day Occasionally newspapers and magazines requested from her some sentiment on events of current importance Such articles, as well as voluntary contributions expressing her views, were eagerly welcomed Thus the *Cosmopolitan* at one time published an article written by Mrs Eddy entitled, "Youth and Young Manhood." In presenting the article this magazine said editorially "Not only Mrs. Eddy's own devoted followers, but the public generally, will be interested in this communication from the extraordinary woman who plays so great a part in the world and leads with such conspicuous success her very great following Certainly, Christian Scientists, enthusiastic in their belief, are fortunate in being able to point to a Leader far beyond the allotted years of man, guiding with remarkable skill, determination, and energy a very great organization that covers practically the civilized world" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany, pp 272, 273).

In this article Mrs. Eddy emphasizes the benefits of the divine law. She could speak from experience of the life-giving, life-preserving power of spiritual law, and of the health, success, and prosperity resulting from obedience thereto At the close of this remarkable message (p. 274), Mrs. Eddy wrote these words, which young people today are noting to their advantage: "Dear reader, right thinking, right feeling, and right acting—honesty, purity, unselfishness—in youth tend to success, intellectuality, and happiness in manhood. To begin rightly enables one to end rightly, and thus it is that one achieves the Science of Life, demonstrates health, holiness, and immortality."

Thus to humanity's legitimate desire and effort to act rightly. Christian Science adds the ability to think and feel rightly. True religion is a necessity in order that these good results may be assured. Before we can think correctly, we need to have a right beginning. In Christian Science we begin with God, our First Cause, our divine Principle, the one Mind, the only self-existent Life This one Mind is the source, the creator of all true thoughts. These ideas are perfect, as perfect as their creator. Thus as we begin with a perfect premise, it is possible to reach the correct conclusion on every subject to which we need to give attention. We feel rightly as we gain a demonstrable understanding of divine Love, infinite Soul, and use it practically in our daily lives.

The True Way to Heal

The true way to live which Christian Science, in harmony with the teaching of Jesus, has brought to needy humanity, includes the true way to heal. The facts which have just been presented are basic in this healing work Even a glimpse of the present perfection of God and the real man at once brings courage and hope to one who seems to be fettered by sickness or sin. In the light of this truth it is seen that disease, suffering, pain, discords of every kind, are no part of God's creation. These errors do not enter into God's perfect and harmonious plan. Oftentimes quickly, sometimes more gradually, these truths clearly seen bring healing even in the most difficult cases.

The method of healing in Christian Science is not a stereotyped form. It is best practiced with spontaneity, freedom, and joy. Patience, wisdom, and love equip the practitioner with spiritual power and bring to the patient the needed receptivity whereby he quickly awakens to his birthright of health and freedom. The healing work in Christian Science is not adding anything to man. It is revealing man as he is, in reality A sculptor, producing a work of art, does not add to the block of marble in its crude state He removes from it that which is nonessential, leaving only the beautiful image he has aimed to reproduce.

Healing, as understood in Christian Science, is much more than physical cure, although that is necessary and important. Healing in its broad sense includes the harmonizing of all one's activities and affairs. It extends to the home, to one's business, to all one's social duties—in fact, to everything that concerns all of us. Thus it is indeed far-reaching in its scope. The study of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy along with the Bible, as well as our Leader's other writings, affords the effective means of attaining that mental state in which healing becomes possible, in fact inevitable. So the study of these books is commended as essential in this great work. "For," to quote the words of the wise man, "they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Life's Practical Lessons

One of the most pressing needs of humanity is that of knowing where one should live. There are those who feel that they are not in their right place, that they do not have the proper environment. At the same time they do not know how to correct this wrong condition. Christian Science affords the remedy. If you are in perplexity on this point, you can begin to declare and realize that in reality you live in God. Persevere along this line of thought, attending to each present task to the best of your ability. Then your sincere declaration and realization cannot fail to bring about better living conditions, as outwardly seen. After all is said and done, the quality of our thinking determines our environment and our progress in life So we do well to begin with our thinking.

In an airplane you may fly above a city. You can observe where its boundaries begin and where they end, if you are sufficiently high and the visibility is good. Beyond the city on all sides you may see wide open spaces, with green fields, running brooks and pleasant woods. This serves to give freer scope to your thinking. Sometimes you may have found, when living in a large city with its skyscraper shutting you in, with its many personal, business, and social interests occupying attention, that it seemed to be difficult to see above or beyond them. But as the true idea of Life, the spiritual idea of Life, takes possession of your thinking, it lifts you above this narrow, cramping environment. You breathe more freely mentally, and gain a better view of all things.

At this time when so much thought is being given to physical health, strength and beauty, Christian Science has something of immense value to offer to everyone It is not to give less thought to desirable attainments, but more, better, and higher thought on the right basis. One important step in the right direction is to stop thinking of these qualities as physical, and to gain the true idea Health and strength are qualities of Mind, qualities of God, and man reflects these divine qualities; and with increasing spirituality it is possible for every individual to express these qualities more abundantly.

Believing that man is physical, and that the pursuit of Truth is aided by ceaseless investigation of physical phenomena, the human mind has become lost in its contemplation of matter. Thus it has gone around in a vicious circle, knowing not how to break the spell of this self-deceptive mesmerism. This hypnotic spell is broken by Christian Science, which unfolds the fact that God is one Mind, one Life, and that man is the reflection of this one Mind, the expression of this one Life.

Instead of letting thought dwell on the physical body, turn thought away from it to the contemplation of God as the one Mind. You will find that this liberates your thought and frees your body. It takes away fear of the body, and gives you more dominion over it. It will promote your health, your welfare, your happiness immeasurably. Thus you are finding your true being, your perfect spiritual selfhood.

We can accept all the good things which divine Love gives to us with joy and gratitude. So, too, we can meet any difficulty or danger with the consciousness that where the difficulty seems to be, there is, if we meet it wisely and scientifically, a blessing of worth untold. So then, whatever comes or goes, we shall go forward with increasing serenity, ever-renewed joy, and an abiding consciousness of God's presence.

Many a languishing business has been revitalized, restored to activity and success, by the correct application of Christian Science The scientific method which is applicable in healing physical disease is equally effective when used to promote success and harmony in a legitimate business enterprise. The business man who understands Christian Science refuses to let his business die or stagnate. By appropriate affirmations of truth suited to the need he utilizes the life-giving facts of being. When selfishness and the desire for gain give place to a more wholesome desire to give service, the foundation for prosperity is securely laid. When spirituality predominates in the motives animating business enterprise, success is achieved. The life of business is assured as one attends well to the important business of life.

In these days of intensive specialization, workers need the helpful balance which Christian Science affords. Specialists have been known to refer to themselves facetiously as those who are "learning more and more about less and less." The specialist is wise who, whil attending to his useful duties, at the same time acquires a working knowledge of Christian Science. The spiritual facts of being thus gained help him to live more broadly. Thus he continues to learn more and more about more and more—to understand better the infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation.

In the practice of Christian Science it has been proved in many instances that where a healing has been temporarily delayed it has been because the patient was clinging to matter or the material sense of life, depending upon physical means for help or relief. Even if you have not wholly overcome your belief that material means will help you, even if there is still a lingering faith in the efficacy of matter, you can nevertheless cling persistently to the fact that spiritual means alone are adequate, and keep free from self-condemnation. This will correct the wrong belief, and bring the healing through absolute reliance on spiritual power. Many an earnest seeker for health and happiness has found these blessings, aided by the use of Solomon's humble prayer, "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart."

Some time ago, in the course of my travels, a young man whom I met asked me about my work. When learning of my activities as a Christian Scientist, he indicated that he knew all about Christian Science, saying with assurance, "It's all in your mind." Christian Science does indeed make clear that all discord is mental in its origin, but it does not merely brush it aside by saying that it is just imagination. It is not superficial. It provides a definite means whereby the ills of humanity are overcome by intelligent utilization of the divine law. This involves diligent study and persistent application.

Relying on God's Guidance

Nothing can be more precious in life than the ability to depend definitely upon the unerring guidance of God. At times you may have considered a definite course of action, but for some reason that you could not understand, you have been prevented from taking that course. Under such circumstances, the Scientist realizes that if this is a right step error cannot hinder him from taking it, and that if it is not a right step Truth will prevent him from taking it. Thus he removes the question from the realm of mortal opinion and human will, and places it where it belongs, in the hands of God He who is seeking to allow the divine Mind to govern all his affairs is saved from undue anxiety and fear regarding the outcome in any given situation.

A young Christian Scientist, engaged in what was to him at that time a very important undertaking, found that occasionally some contemplated step was delayed. A more experienced worker voiced the thought that this might not be obstruction, but God's guidance; and so it proved. The step contemplated was not a wise one; it was arrested until the right step was seen. Then events again moved smoothly In the Bible we read that on one occasion, when Balaam was proceeding on an unwise course, the angel of God opposed him. Failing to see the danger signal, Balaam urged forward the ass on which he rode. The ass turned out of the way, finally rebuking him for the course he was pursuing. Then Balaam's eyes were opened to see his mistake. This illustrates in the symbolic language of the East, how trivial incidents may bring to our attention danger signals designed to arrest us in a course that is wrong, and turn us in the direction that is right.

The Value of the Bible

Christ Jesus over nineteen hundred years ago brought to our attention eternal Truth. He spoke of Truth as "the bread of life," the "living bread which came down from heaven." In noting what he said and did, we are not looking backward, as some people would have us believe, but forward. He was doing his great work not only for that time, but for our time and for all time to come. The facts which he presented were and are eternal, present realities. We have demonstrated as yet only a fraction of them. Spiritual progress will enable us continually to approximate the ideals which he presented and lived.

Many of the very people who say that we should not look backward to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, and of the prophets and apostles, are using every day of their lives the discoveries of Euclid, who lived three hundred years before Jesus. In studying Euclid in order to apply mathematical truths, are we looking backward? Certainly not. Euclid presented facts which are as true now as they were when he enunciated them. So also, but in a much higher degree, with the truths taught and demonstrated by Christ Jesus.

The first forty odd years of the twentieth century have witnessed a remarkable progress in invention. It were well that the remaining fifty or more years of this century be devoted more specifically to the development of Christian character. In this way, these inventions will be used as servants, aiding humanity's welfare, not as masters, threatening humanity's doom. Wise teachers have encouraged those of tender years to learn passages from the book of Proverbs. I know a teacher who did this, selecting a dozen or more simple passages, which his pupils memorized. As time went on, and these young people developed and matured, these truths became as a guiding star in their lives. They protected them in times of trial and temptation. This method is worthy of earnest thought and attention. It has indeed been developed still further in the educational system of Christian Science. As a result of the daily study of our Lesson-Sermons, Bible truths furnish the motive-power of the thoughts and acts of all who study them.

True religion vitalizes one's spiritual faculties and energies. It releases his highest capabilities, making possible progressively the grandest achievement These God-bestowed blessings which were enjoyed in large measure during the first three centuries of the Christian era, began to wane from then on. As religionists began to adopt human doctrines in place of pure Christianity, the spiritual element was temporarily stifled. Theologians wasted time in speculating and disputing about the nature of Christ when they might have employed their time better in expressing the Christ-spirit. And while men wrangled in bitter debate over ecclesiastical questions, the poor clamoring at the gates for living bread went away hungry, sad, unfed. It was a momentous day for humanity when Mrs. Eddy, cutting through the tangled web of ecclesiasticism, restored the vital healing element which had lain dormant for so long. While theorizing about Christ temporarily shut out the true healing power, the practice of the Science of Christ has restored it, to be enjoyed forever, so long as the exponents of this Science are faithful to their trust. Thus Mrs. Eddy could write with conviction in her book, "Retrospection and Introspection" (p. 66): "Christian Science gives vitality to religion, which is no longer buried in materiality. It raises men from a material sense into the spiritual understanding and scientific demonstration of God."

Healing of the Nations

This priceless boon of true religion is coming to nations proportionately as it comes to the individuals who comprise the nations. No longer can it be asserted that religion is an opiate, deadening the faculties of man. This never could be said of true religion, but the indictment stands against the false. It is plain that many who have appeared to reject Christianity have not actually objected to the essence of Jesus' teaching. They have rebelled against the mistakes which have come falsely in his name. When they recognize the true religion of Jesus with its humaneness, its justice, its helpfulness to all, they are eager to embrace it, and adopt it as their basis for living. They awaken to the fact that for harmonious and successful living there is no substitute for Christian morality. There is a deep longing in the human heart which nothing can satisfy but the helpful message of true Christianity. Just as the rousing message of scientific Christianity is bringing healing to individuals so also today it is bringing healing to the nations. Agnosticism and infidelity are giving place to the true understanding of God and His law and thus a higher standard of living is reached.

Grandeur of True Life

In the light of Christian Science we see that Life is not a mere dragging out of a material sense of existence, but the consciousness of power, love, and joy—the actual enjoyment of all that is good—here and now. Life is something grand to be enjoyed, not something painful to be endured. To this higher, nobler view of Life Christian Science summons us today From every department of human affairs comes the imperative call for alert, wide-awake thinking and intelligent action for the putting aside of outgrown theories and methods, which only cause stagnation, and worse—retrogression. The spiritual ideal presented by Christian Science is the remedy.

It is no crime to enjoy life. It is our God-given privilege to do so. The difficulty has been that too many have believed that they enjoyed what they falsely believed to be life, an erroneous material sense of existence This false sense of enjoyment leads only to difficulty and disappointment. To enjoy Life, God, is not only wise but essential Man exists to express God. The Bible tells us that God delights in His perfect creation; and so man by reflection delights in his perfect creator. God. This is the golden key to human happiness here now The individual who is realizing his unity with God knows what true happiness is. No mistakes of others can interfere in the least with one's enjoyment of harmony, because it is born of God and sustained by God.

In the book of Revelation, John presents in symbolic language the fuller appearing of the Christ-idea, the spiritual idea of Life and Love, The Revelator tells of a book sealed with seven seals. The Lamb of God, the spiritual idea of divine Love, alone is able to open this book. He is attended by four beasts and twenty-four elders, which may be interpreted as typifying the overcoming of all materiality with the spiritual sense of being. As the Lamb opens each of four seals one after the other, the four beasts, typifying this conquest of error, say, in turn, "Come and see." With each step in the process of spiritual revelation comes a clearer enjoyment of spiritual vision. Christian Science repeats the invitation so often given throughout the Bible, "Come and see." Come and acquaint yourselves with the practical power of the one divine Mind. See for yourselves how it operates Let this open your eyes to the grandeur of spiritual being, the perfection of God's creation.

In dealing with this important subject, the true way to live, we have seen that Jesus the Christ has shown us the way. We have noted how Mrs. Eddy, with her spiritual-mindedness, was able to bring back into active use the spiritual element so essential to Christianity. We have considered the application of this power in healing, in bringing harmony to all our activities. We know that all can learn and practice this Science and be blessed by so doing. A new era is opening up before humanity, an era of greater justice, kindlier consideration, wiser living. Christian Science has its important place in this great consummation.

Mrs. Eddy in one of her inspired poems, now used as a hymn, acknowledges the might of divine Love and Life in these words (Poems, p. 7):

"Thou to whose power our hope we give,
Free us from human strife.
Fed by Thy love divine we live,
For Love alone is Life;
And life most sweet, as heart to heart
Speaks kindly when we meet and part."

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Red Cross Workers Number 634 in March

Red Cross workers completing surgical bandages in the City Hall headquarters numbered 634 during March and turned out 26,525 dressings. Twenty eight school girls working Saturday mornings completed 920 surgical abdominal pads.

Work began yesterday on a new shipment of surgical sponges. Mrs. Alvin Walther and her large staff hope to have this assignment completed promptly.

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FARMERS TO USE ALL LOCAL LABOR AVAILABLE

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

The newly launched program to cope with California's critical farm labor problem by immediate and effective use of state and local facilities in the recruitment and placement of additional agricultural workers—made possible by the legislature's adoption of the so-called food and fiber bill in special session—deserves the wholehearted, intelligen support and cooperation of farmers and county officials in every section of the state.

The program is not in conflict with any action which the federal government may take to relieve the farm labor shortage, but is designed to organize and utilize the local labor supply to the best possible advantage and to make certain that farmers get aid in the planting, cultivating and harvesting of their crops before it is too late.

One of the major difficulties in the past has been that responsibility for dealing with the farm manpower problem has been divided between too many agencies, each responsible for a part of the program, but none capable of dealing with the situation as a whole. The result has been confussion and buck passing. The present program seeks to obviate that condition by having one responsible agency in the state of procuring, placing and caring for farm workers who may be brought in and also in charge of distributing farm workers already here to the areas where they are most needed at given seasons.

The new act becomes effective before the end of June due to the fact that it was enacted at a special session called by Governor Warren, instead of the regular legislative session. In the meantime, a temporary setup will be provided in the state department of agriculture to get the program under way.

The law provides for a California Farm Production Council, appointed by the governor, but subject to senate confirmation—whose members will be practical, experienced farmers, drawn from the various branches of California agriculture. The council will be the over all agency, vested with both authority and responsibility. His executive officer who will direct the program, will be the State Farm Director, likewise appointed by the governor. To localize the work, and get the utmost in cooperation from each section of the state, the act further provides that the board of suprevisors of any county may establish and fill the position of County Farm Production Coordinator. Also created, under the law, will be a County Farm Production Committee in each county, whose members will be named by the board of supervisors with the advice and aid of county agricultural commissioner and the county farm advisor.

The State Farm Production Director (it is provided in the act) is charged with the duty of providing for the "recruitment, placement, the transportation, housing and sustenance of farm labor and for the facilities required by or in connection with the use of such labor. The director may cooperate or contract with public and private agencies for any services necessary to the relief of the farm labor shortage, or for equipment rejuired for this purpose.

Other duties and powers granted the director are:

To plan for and assist in providing any facility or means necessary to the production or making available of farm products, including the procurement through federal and other agencies of sufficient materials for the manufacture and repair of necessary farm machinery.

To assist in making labor available to producers of farm products when necessary and expedient to prevent loss of such products which require processing.

Generally speaking, county directors and county committees would carry out similar functions in their local areas, subject to the general state pogram. Another section of the act provides that subject to the approval of the state superintendent of public instruction and under such regulations as he may prescribe, school districts may establish, maintain and operate student harvest camps for the use of pupils engaged in farm labor. And subject to such approval, school districts may contract with the labor director for the establishment, maintenance or operation of such student harvest camps, or for the use of property of the district for such purposes. An appropiation of $1,500,000 was voted by the legislature to cary out the state wide program.

California urgently needs to take the steps which are provided for under this program, if disaster is to be averted, and it is to be hoped that farmers and farm organizations and local officials will do everything possible to make it a success.

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NAVY MAN SENDS LETTER FROM DUTCH HARBOR

Mrs. Edna Martine, of the Nugget staff, has just received a letter from her brother, Ben Pryor, petty officer in the Ceabees, now stationed at Dutch Harbor. Heading the letter is a carefully drawn colored sketch of the country in which he lives. The letter, passed by the cenor, follows:

Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Mar. 11, '43

Dear Edna—

The sketch gives you some idea of the colors sometimes seen in this country.

I arrived after something less than a weeks voyage, being sea sick most all of the time, and having a bad cold.

I hear very little news of the outside world and of course can not tell of what transpires here; however it wouldn't be exciting anyway. Mail is very slow in getting here and it will probably be some time in April before this reaches you. Have been to several picture shows for amusement.

I got your letter yesterday and was glad to get the local news of interest.

Pryor enlisted and was called to service November 2, being sent to Rhode Island for training. then back to the Pacific coast in early February. Mrs. Martine's youngest brother, Lt. Murray R. Pryor, is stationed at Ft. Baker. Her oldest brother, Roger Pryor, spent 15 months in France in World War No. 1 and served as sergeant in the ground crew of the aviation corps. All of these men have visited in Nevada City many times and all have worked for the Tahoe National Forest.

Bridge Games Help Swell Red Cross Fund

The bridge tea sponsored by the Monday Bridge Club in the Empire Country Club house Saturday afternoon netted $67 for the Red Cross War Fund of the Grass Valley district.

A beautiful hand painted luncheon set presented by Mrs. Walter Mildred, offered as a special award, helped to swell the proceeds. Winners in bridge game swere Mrs. P. G. Steele, Mrs. Brower Dillinger, Mrs. Walter Mildred, Mrs. Jim Curry, Mrs. Robert Elicker, Mrs. Fred Denton, Mrs. Frank McQuiston and Mrs. Doris Plain.

Ray Wilde Home on Leave From Replacement Center

Ray Wilde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilde of this city, was home on a 24 hours leave yesterday, from his replacement center at Pittsburg, California. Young Wilde entered the Army five months ago. He has finished his training with credit and as the rating of an infantry clerk. He was formerly on the staff of the local postoffice.

YOUR VICTORY GARDEN

By L. B. LAGESON
Agricultural Commissioner

THE CULTURE OF RHUBARB

Rhubarb, or "pie plant" is a perennial vegetable, which grows well at this elevation.

Rhubarb, like asparagus, is a perrennial and a few hills along the garden fence will supply all that a famil can use. Rhubarb should be in every garden, for it comes early in the spring and has a fine diettic quality.

Any deep, well drained, fertile soil is suitable for rhubarb. It should be spaded to a depth of 12 to 16 inches, and rotted manure, leaf mould, or some other form of organic matter should be mixed with it. The methods of soil preparation suggested for asparagus are suitable for rhubarb; but as rhubarb is planted in hils 3 to 4 feet apart, it is usually sufficient to prepare each hill separately.

The usual method of starting the plants is to obtain pieces of crowns from established hills and set them in prapared hills. Cultivation is confined to the control of weeds.

The planting should be top-dressed with a heavy application of manure in either early spring or late fall. If plenty of manure can be obtained ,rhubarb needs little if any commercial fertilizer, high in nitrogen applied around each hill every year insures an abundant supply of plant food.

Seed stalks should be removed as soon as they form, beause seed bearng greatly weakens the plant. No leaf stems should be harvested before the second year, and but few until the third. Moreover, the harvest season must be largely confined to early spring, as the plants should be allowed to grow undisturbed during the summer. The hills should be divided and reset every 7 or 8 years, If not, they become too thick and produce only slender stems.

Personal

Mrs. Rose Jones who has been quite ill for several months, is up and around again feeling much improved in health.

Mrs. Anna Wardel, of Denver, is enjoying a visit here with Mrs. Eva McKnight and Mrs. Lamar Fleming on Boulder street.

Mrs. Chester Andrews of Fresno and Mrs. Robert Ross of San Francisco have come to Nevada City to spend some time visiting their brother. Lt. W. D. Mitchell and wife and their daughter. They are staying at the home of Mrs. Mitchell's grandmother, Mrs. George Downey. Lt. Mitchell came by plane from his camp in Colorado to visit for a short time with his wife and infant daughter.

Mrs. C. Muscardini is in receipt of word her grandson, Clement Henwood is ill in a hospital at Camp Roberts. He left with a group of Nevada City boys recently for army service.

Al Joyner, who left here several months ago for service in the U. S. army, is in training at a camp in Kentucky. He is the son in law of Mrs. C. Muscardini.

Miss Dorothy Hay and Lieut. Shambeger Wed

Miss Dorothy Hay became the bride of Lieutenant John B. Shamberger of the United States Marine Corps Reserve at an 8 o'clock marriage service in the Grass Valley Methodist Church Saturday evening, with Rev. Mark Pike, pastor, officiating.

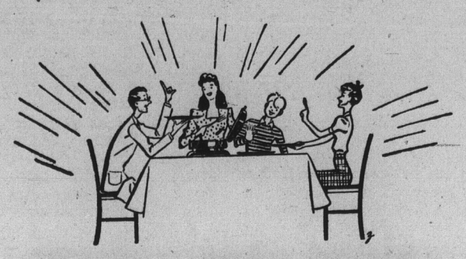
Miss Marion Cornish, as a prelude to the ceremony, sang "I Love You Truly." The bride was attended by Miss Ruth Mickelson of Grass Valley and Miss Evelyn Termine of Colfax.

The bride was attired in a beautiful white satin gown with a tight fitting bodice and a full skirt. Her long train was of net trimmed with lace. Her bridal bouquet consisted of butterfly orchids. Gowns of the bridesmaids were of pastel pink and blue, similar in design to the bride's gown.

After graduating from the Grass Valley hgh school, where he distinguished himself as an athlete, Shamberger entered the University of California, Department of Agriculture. Last May he volunteered for flight training and was recently awarded his flying wings from the Corpus Christi Field in Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hay of Grass Valley, a graduate of the Grass Valley schools, and recently employed in the offices of the United States Army Engineers in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Reedy have rented the Odegaarde residence on upper Broad street. He is with the U. S. army at Camp Beale.



At-the-table-meals
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Come out of the kitchen. Cook at the table with appliances that you may have neglected of late. Use your waffle iron or sandwich grill instead of your frying pan now that meat is a shopping problem. Why not serve cinnamon waffles, orange waffles, lemon waffles or waffles topped with home made strawberry jam? Sounds yummy, doesn't it? Use your sandwich grill or hot plate to make golden-brown French toast or fried milk toast topped with a sprinkle of sugar or cinnamon.

For helpful hints on care and use of your table appliances see pages 17, 18 and 19 of the P. G. and E. Booklet—"The Lady of the House and Her Mechanical Servants." Your free copy of this 32-page booklet is waiting for you at any office of this company. Come in and ask for it.

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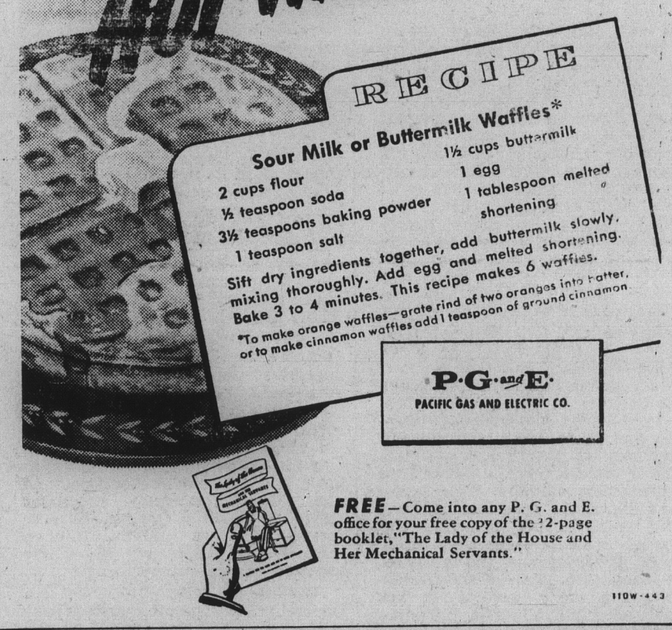
RECIPE
Sour Milk or Buttermilk Waffles*
2 cups flour
½ teaspoon soda
3½ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1½ cups buttermilk
1 egg
1 tablespoon melted shortening
Sift dry ingredients together, add buttermilk slowly, mixing thoroughly. Add egg and melted shortening. Bake 3 to 4 minutes. This recipe makes 6 waffles.
*To make orange waffles—grate rind of two oranges into batter, or to make cinnamon waffles add 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon.
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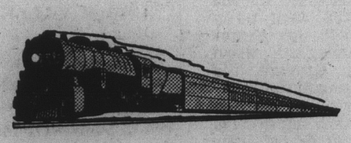

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